

Bank Figures Show Stability

Columbia, though primarily an educational and not a manufacturing center, can boast of six banks whose combined resources amount to \$4,632,993.97. These are the figures obtained from the official statements of the banks at the close of business March 4, 1918:

Boone County National Bank	\$1,747,097.99
Exchange National Bank	950,106.06
Columbia Savings Bank	566,186.94
Boone County Trust Company	996,110.57
Central Bank	187,266.42
Conley-Myers Bank	186,225.99

Although Columbia banks do not have the advantage of trade which industrial concerns bring to cities in which they are located, the deposits of all the banks amount to \$3,398,324.08. The deposits of each of the banks are as follows:

Boone County National Bank	\$1,284,779.27
Exchange National Bank	632,816.38
Columbia Savings Bank	469,148.33
Boone County Trust Company	747,382.25
Central Bank	133,941.82
Conley-Myers Bank	139,256.23

These figures are a fair indication of the prosperity of the business and agricultural interests of the community.

At the present time, however, the deposits are much lower than they are normally. This is because, at this season of the year, the farmers, whose money forms the greater part of the deposits in Columbia, draw heavily on their accounts to buy seed, stock and machinery. This happens every year. And then when the harvest begins to come in, from July to December, the farmers are putting money in the banks again. But the unusual factor in bringing the deposits low has been the Liberty Loans. A large amount of money has been withdrawn from Columbia banks to be used by the Government. However, the same thing has occurred in all banks in the United States.

Never a Bank Failure.

Boone County has a record of never having had a bank failure. Of the nineteen banks of Boone County, six of which are in Columbia, three are national banks, two in Columbia and one in Centralia; one is a trust bank, the Boone County Trust Company of Columbia, and all the rest are state banks. Of the thirteen banks outside of Columbia, three are at Centralia, two at Rocheport, two at Sturgeon, two at Ashland, two at Hartsburg, one at Harrisburg and one at Hallsville.

The capital stock of the banks of



Columbia and the surplus are as follows:

	Capital Stock	Surplus
Boone Co. Nat. Bank	\$100,000	\$262,313.72
Exchange Nat. Bank	100,000	117,289.68
Columbia Savings Bank	20,000	70,000.00
Boone Co. Trust Company	75,000	174,690.00
Central Bank	35,000	16,000.00
Conley-Myers Bank	20,000	25,000.00

The Boone County National Bank is the lineal descendant of the Banking House of Prewitt & Price, established in 1857 by R. B. Price. In 1863 it became a national bank under the national charter No. 67, being the first national bank in Missouri and the third national bank west of the Mississippi River. It was then called the First National Bank of Columbia. Of the original stockholders under this charter, only R. B. Price and Newman T. Mitchell are living. R. B. Price was cashier and he and some of the original capital have followed the charters all the way down to the present bank, of which he is president.

In 1864, when the Civil War was at its height, on the day of the massacre at Centralia, a block house was built on Broadway facing the bank. For protection the bank changed its national charter for a state charter, which required less reserve kept in its vaults.

Has \$100,000 Home.

In 1871 it again became a national bank under the name of the Boone

County National Bank. It was the first bank in Missouri to join the new federal bank system. Its \$100,000 bank building, the finest in the state in a city of this size, was finished last September.

Its officers are: President, R. B. Price; vice-president, R. B. Price, Jr., and C. B. Rollins; cashier, A. G. Spencer; assistant cashiers, E. M. Price and J. R. Lipscomb.

The Exchange National Bank is the oldest continuously national bank in the county. It was organized in 1865 as a national bank with James H. Waugh as president; John Samuels, vice-president, and R. L. Todd, cashier. In the fifty-three years of its existence, it has never passed a dividend and has paid out in dividends nearly six times the capital stock. Its officers are: President, C. B. Bowling; vice-president, W. T. Anderson; cashier, W. E. Smith; assistant cashier M. F. Thurston.

The Columbia Savings Bank was organized in 1886 with John M. Samuels as president; James C. Orr, cashier, and H. H. Banks, assistant cashier. Of its original stockholders, only four are living. They are N. T. Mitchell, C. B. Sebastian, T. W. Whittle and H. H. Banks. Its officers now are: President, H. H. Banks; vice-president, T. W. Whittle; cashier, B. C. Hunt.

Boone County Trust Company.

The Boone County Trust Company was organized in 1903. Its original officers are still holding office. They are: President, W. A. Bright; vice-president, S. C. Hunt; secretary, Alex. Bradford, Jr. The men holding the minor offices have been changed from time to time. Two have been called into national service. At the present time, Horace C. Smith is assistant secretary and E. F. Ruether is treasurer.

The Central Bank was organized in 1908. Its officers are the same now as then. They are: President, G. B. Dorsey; vice-president, O. B. Wilson; cashier, I. T. G. Stone; assistant cashier, J. W. Sapp.

The Conley-Meyer Bank was organized in 1911. Its deposits reached \$150,000 in six years. Its officers are: President, W. T. Conley; vice-president, G. B. Sapp, and cashier, S. M. Myers.

To Get Information About Columbia.

If you desire information about Columbia and Boone County, write to Harry S. Jacks, secretary of the Columbia Commercial Club. Strangers are invited to make the club rooms, on the second floor at Tenth and Broadway, their headquarters while in the city.



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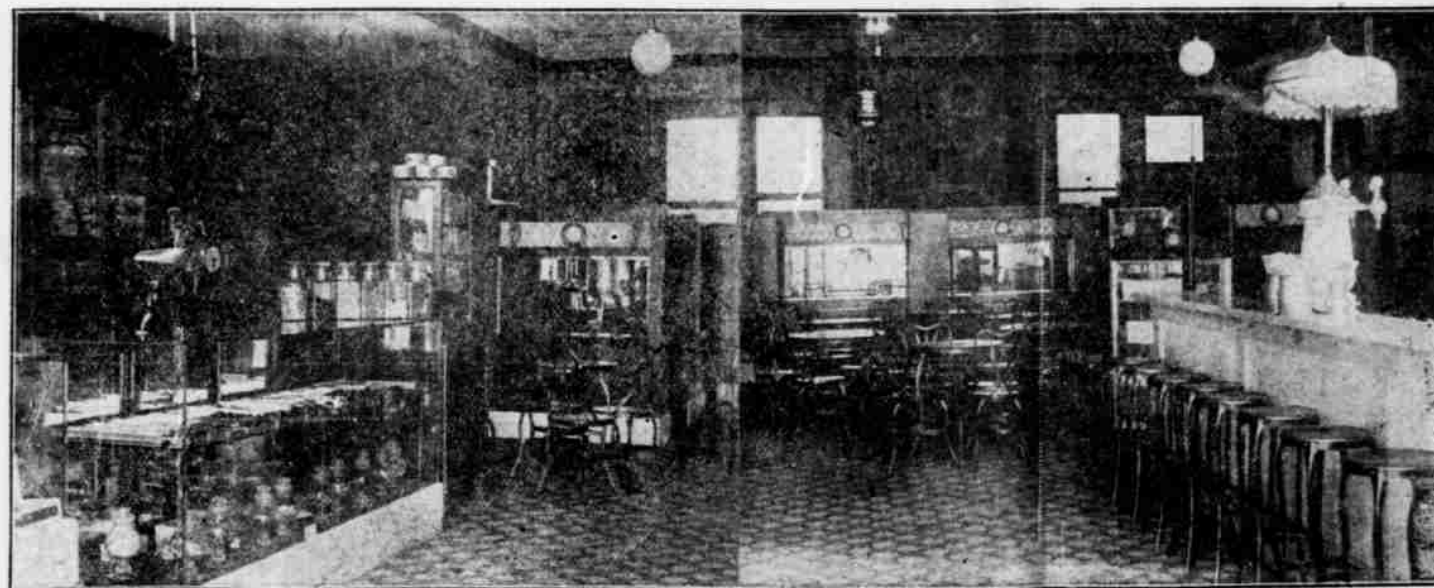
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